The Faith Test

Genesis 42:1-17

life is...
Still messy with Joseph

October 18, 2015
Did You Know?

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to Southeast coastal flooding

You can join in the response and encourage those in need by standing in the “GAP”—Give. Act. Pray.

Give
Financial support for relief efforts can be given online at viennapres.org/news-events by phone, 800-872-3283 or by check: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Act
Make Gift of the Heart kits to help families who have lost everything in the devastation: instructions at viennapres.org/news-events

Pray
Pray for families impacted by flooding; for first responders and all who put themselves in harm’s way; that communities will work together and build stronger relationships and connections; for God’s sustaining grace through it all.

For more information, visit viennapres.org/news-events

Centered and Soaring

October 25 - Gift of Years Congregational Celebration.
Please join us in the Great Hall immediately following the 11am service as we honor our seniors who have centered their lives on our Lord and in our church and who soar each day with the promises of God’s grace. We have some very special video interviews to share with you and pray you will set that hour aside to honor our long-time members and to learn how our Lord has touched them.

November 1 is Generosity Sunday. As we each prepare to offer our pledges using pledge cards or pledging online at www.viennapres.org/pledge-card, please pray that every one of us will center our lives on our Lord and soar with his generosity.

This year our pledge card asks for your support of VPC’s 2016 Ministry and Missions. In 2016, we plan to initiate a capital campaign to eliminate our building debt. You can give towards debt reduction now by check or online at viennapres.org/online-giving. Please indicate on the check or online donation that your gift is for debt reduction. Call the church finance office if you have questions, 703.938.9050 x119

Congregational Meeting: Today, just after the 11am service in the sanctuary. A brief meeting to vote in new officers.

Bethany Women’s Center and Alternative House are shelters which regularly need our food support. The easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are located outside the kitchen door in a box on the wall. Please call Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657, with any questions.

Library Volunteers Needed: One Sunday a month. Some computer knowledge needed. For more information contact librarian@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/library

Hat for the Homeless: Create warm hats for the Lamb Center. Knit, crochet, sew, quilt, or weave! Full instructions at viennapres.org/serve-at-vpc click on the GO tab. No computer? No problem: contact Sue Hamblen at 703.938.9050 x111.
Welcome
Connie Jordan-Haas

Call to Worship
Psalm 145:1-7
Judy Rust

O God, Our Help in Ages Past, #210
ST. ANNE

Oceans
Hillsong

Video

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Video

Offering
He’s Always Been Faithful

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication
Barbara Greig

Video

Scripture
Genesis 42:1-17
Betsy Canaga

Sermon
The Faith Test
Peter James

Video

He Reigns

Benediction

Postlude

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available at the Welcome Table.
A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony.
Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.

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Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, is a hymn composed by Isaac Watts in 1708. and paraphrases Psalm 90.

The Psalm is broken up into 4 parts:
Verses 1-2 explain that God has always been and will always be.

Verses 3-6 explain that life is short

Verses 7-11 explain that people do not always obey God’s word

Verses 12-17 is a prayer for God to continue his good works in us.

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Welcome

Connie Jordan-Haas

Call to Worship
Psalm 145:1-7

Carolyn Carter

Your Grace Is Enough

Maher

Stronger

Fieldings/Morgan

Video

Prayer of Confession
& Assurance of Pardon

Junior Choir dismissed for rehearsal.

Children’s Message and Video

Offering

Video

Scripture
Genesis 42:1-17

Cheryl Dronsfield

Sermon
The Faith Test

Peter James

Video

All I Have Is Christ

Kauflin

Benediction

Postlude

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John E. Bode, 1868, wrote *O Jesus, I Have Promised* for his daughter’s and two sons’ confirmation service. At the time, Bode was a pastor in Cambridgeshire, England. The text is base on a verse in John 12: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it dies alone: but if it die, it bring forth much fruit. He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor”

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Worship 11:00am

Prelude
Vienna Fanfare Cathedral Brass

Welcome Connie Jordan-Haas

Call to Worship
Psalm 145:1-7 Jim Leach

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!, #142 CORONATION

Video

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Father, We Have Sinned (Repentance) Getty

Video

Offering
I Will Sing and Give Thanks Pote

Doxology
& Prayer of Dedication John Cox

Video

Scripture
Genesis 42:1-17 Cap Oliver

Sermon
The Faith Test Peter James

Video

O Jesus, I Have Promised, #389, vss. 1, 2, & 4 NYLAND

Benediction

Postlude
Immortal, Invisible Schuster

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TODAY

Coffee Hour & Breakfast Snacks: Great Hall in between services!
Stop by Grapevine Books for the latest Christian fall jewelry, bags and Bible study books.

THIS WEEK

Senior Adult Activities:
   Seminars for Senior Adults, October 21, from 6-9pm.
   Golf Outing, Thursday, October 22. Tee-Off at 9am.
To register visit: viennapres.org/seniors or contact Charles Geschiere at 703.938.9050.

LOOKING FORWARD

Protecting All Children: Next Sunday during Sunday school. This is part of our commitment to join parents in training a new generation of Christians who experience Christ’s love in caring, protective learning environments. Separate lessons will be taught to K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grades, 4th-5th grades, 6th grade, 7th-8th grades, and 9th-12th grades.

Comedian, Mack Dryden, “Entertaining – One Belly Laugh at a Time” on Sunday, October 25, at 3pm at the Oakton High School Auditorium. Proceeds benefit The Shepherd’s Center of Oakton. $25 tickets are available at www.scov.org or by phone, 703.281.0538.

Halloween Pre-Parade Tailgate: Wednesday, October 28, 5:30-7pm. Face painting, magician, and hotdog dinner. Volunteers needed. Contact phil.kratoval@viennapres.org

Trained People Night Out! All married couples are invited to attend a night of fun in the Great Hall, Friday, November 20 from 7–9pm. Join us as we celebrate having “serious” fun in our marriages. Come see how well the pastors know their spouses in VPC’s rendition of the Not-So-Newlywed Game. You’ll laugh...you’ll cry from laughing...and you’ll enjoy some yummy desserts! $20 per couple. Free childcare. Sign up at viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage

LOOKING FOR HELP?

Follow along with the sermon:

1. Though it is not true, what does Joseph accuse his brothers of?

2. Why does Joseph test his brothers and lock them in prison instead of telling them who he really is?

3. What word is used over 200 times in the Bible?

4. God sometimes tests his people. Ultimately, what does God want for us when he tests us?

Engage & Apply

Challenge of the Week:

When someone treats us unfairly, we have the choice of revenge or restitution (surrender). Joseph chooses revenge. Think of a time when you were treated unfairly. Did you choose revenge, like Joseph, or restitution? Imagine how things would have turned out if you had chosen the other option. Pray that the next time someone treats you unfairly, you will be able to respond as God would want you to.

Sketch the story

Tweet a picture of your sketch to @ViennaPres or post to Vienna Presbyterian Church on Facebook.

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